REMARKS

1. Regarding Amendments to the Claims:

5 Claims 1-5 are amended only in respect of unnecessarily limiting terminology; the Applicant's responses to the issues set out and discussed below do not rely upon the above-mentioned amendments.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-8:

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Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Farrow et al (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0063059A1 filed 09/28/2001) or by Farrow et al (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0063432A1 filed 04/09/2002 and based on the Provisional Application filed 09/28/2001). Both publications describe the same structure as proposed by the applicant.

Response:

The Applicant feels under-directed by the above rejection, but nevertheless has taken time to hypothesize on what perhaps might form the basis of the rejection and will respond accordingly below. It is stressed that it is not the intention of the applicant to anticipate the Examiner, hence the following response should be regarded as only an example based on the application as a whole. The Applicant respectfully requests that any subsequent Office action not be made FINAL until the Applicant has had the opportunity to respond to more detailed rejections/objections.

Claims 2-8 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1, hence it is assumed that if claim 1 is allowable then the dependent claims will also be allowable.

Regarding claim 1: this claim is already somewhat limited in that much of the structure of the claimed invention is described. Farrow, does not teach, "a metal frame having a rear panel fixed on the front side of the front panel of the front housing,

and a plurality of front flanges fixed on a plurality of front edges of the rear panel", for instance.

Regarding claim 4: there are also instances in the dependent claims where limiting language sets the claimed invention apart from the teachings of the cited art. Although Farrow, with respect to latching devices etc, teaches: "flat panel display assembly 200 may be connection [connected] to back plate 208 with thumb screws, clamps, snaps, or any other reversible type of connector such that flat panel display assembly 200 is removably connected to back plate 208 of the support structures, preferably without the need to use tools for such assembly", claim 4 is concise and limited to the exact nature of the means of latching the metal frame to the front panel of the front housing in that "each of the plurality of sets of latching devices comprises a horizontal sliding slot and a flange, so that when the rear panel of the metal frame is attached to the front panel of the front housing, each of the flanges of the plurality of sets of latching devices is pushed horizontally and then clasped into the corresponding horizontal sliding slot, after which the rear panel of the metal frame is locked onto the front panel of the front housing via the locking device so as to prevent each of the flanges of the plurality of sets of latching devices from being separated from the corresponding horizontal sliding slot".

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The above two items are merely two examples of differences between the invention as claimed and the cited art. As such, reconsideration of the rejection to claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is hereby requested.

25 3. Direction to US Design Patent US D469,085:

Examiner directs applicant's attention to the already published US Design Patent by Hill et al (US D469,085) describing the similar structure.

30 Response:

As with the application publications referred to above, US D469,085 does not teach or

imply the elements of the claimed invention as detailed in the above response.

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Sincerely,

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